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TAGS: EAIR, UK

SUBJ: CIVAIR - PANAM COMMISSION PROBLEM

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1. MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS DELIVERED NOTE MAY 15 TO DAVID ENNALS, MINISTER OF STATE, FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS AND IN ORAL PRESENTATION MADE ADDITIONAL POINTS CONTAINED PARA 2 AND 3 REFTEL. ENNALS SAID UKG ALSO ANXIOUS DEFUSE SITUATION AND HE HOPED TO REPLY TO SUBSTANCE OF EMBASSY NOTE VERY QUICKLY. HE SAID FCO HAD ALREADY INSTRUCTED UK EMBASSY WASHINGTON TO APPROACH DEPARTMENT TO OPEN PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS ON PROBLEM AND WOULD BE SUGGESTING THAT DEPARTMENT OF TRADE UNDER SECRETARY ROGERS VISIT WASHINGTON EARLY NEXT WEEK FOR CONSULTATIONS. HE SAID HE HOPED SUCH CONSULTATION WOULD BE ABLE TO RESOLVE PROBLEM.

2. PANAM HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED MAY 14 FROM DOT WHICH THOUGH RESTRAINED IN TONE AND CONTAINING AN EXTENSION UNTIL "END OF NEXT WEEK" FOR PANAM COMPLIANCE WITH "VARIATION" IN ITS PERMIT, STILL STICKS TO POSITION THAT UKG HAS AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE COMMISSION RATES OUTSIDE UK TERRITORY. LETTER STATES COPY SENT TO DEPARTMENT SO WE WILL NOT TRANSMIT.

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3. PANAM CALLED EMBOFF PM MAY 15 TO REPORT COMPANY HAD RECEIVED VERBAL ADVICE FROM DEPT. OF TRADE THAT UNTIL AGENTS COMMISSION PROBLEM SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED DOT WAS "SUSPENDING APPROVAL" ON ANY PANAM CHARTER FLIGHTS PLANNED TO OPERATE AFTER DEADLINE DATE CONTAINED IN LETTER REFERRED TO ABOVE. PANAM HAS ABOUT 42 CHARTERS PROGRAMMED FOR PERIOD MAY 27-JUNE 29. WE CALLED ATKINSON (FCO) AND ROGERS (DOT) AND TOLD BOTH WE WERE SURPRISED AND DISAPPOINTED BY THIS DANGEROUS ESCALATION OF COMMISSION CONTROVERSY AND URGED THEM TO RECONSIDER. ATKINSON SOUNDED UNAWARE THIS DEVELOPMENT AND SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO IT. ROGERS SAID ISSUANCE OF CHARTER PERMITS WITHIN DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY OF UKG AND IN CASE OF PANAM , UK WAS DEALING WITH AN AIRLINE WHICH IN "DEFIANCE" OF UKG HAD OPENLY STATED IT DID NOT INTEND TO LIVE UP TO CONDITIONS IMPOSED ON ITS SCHEDULED SERVICE PERMITS AND UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, UKG COULD NOT BE EXPECTED ISSUE ANY FURTHER CHARTER PERMITS UNTIL AIRLINE PROMISES COMPLY WITH TERMS OF ITS OTHER PERMITS.

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